Transfer of defence land to AP

1384. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union Government have received a request from the Andhra Pradesh Government for transfer of 1.11 acres of defence land at Mehdipatnam to the State Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Andhra Pradesh Government has offered 2.25 acres of land to the Defence Ministry in lieu thereof;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when the transfer of land would actually take effect?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government of Andhra Pradesh had offered 2.5 acres of land at Siddiquenagar in exchange of defence land measuring 1 acre and 26 guntas at guddimalkapur along with 1 acre and 04 guntas at Mehdipatnam. This offer has since been revised and the State Government has now offered exchange of Siddiquenagar land as above with defence land at Mehdipatnam along with 1.11 acres of land at Reti Bowli. The Army authorities, on the other hand, have proposed exchange of Mehdipatnam land with some private land at Golconda.

(d) It will not be possible to give a definite time frame as the response of the State Government to the counter proposal of the Army authorities is still awaited.

Shortage of components for fighter planes in IAF

1385. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Air Force is facing shortage of requisite components for the maintenance of its fighter planes;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to rectify the situation?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.